

Wenatchee Fire Facilities Update

On Thursday, July 23rd the Wenatchee City Council approved an ordinance that will ask voters to fund a new headquarter station on the November 3rd ballot. If passed by voters, the ordinance authorizes the issue of general obligation bonds up to \$11.7 million for the station and training site.

The ordinance did not include funds for upgrades at the Chelan Avenue Station, built in 1929, but Council members agreed improving safety at the historic station needs to be a priority. In early July a \$1.8 million grant application was submitted to request the funding needed for the station's health, safety, and efficiency upgrades. The application was for the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants that are available through the Department of Homeland Security and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce has joined the Wenatchee School Board to endorse the Wenatchee Fire & Rescue facilities plan.



A rendering by Forte Architects illustrates how the proposed headquarter station at Princeton and Springwater might look.